Statement

S.No.	Name of the District	No. of Water/Supply Schemes sanctioned during		
		1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
1	Almora	344	84	74
2	Chamoli	140	31	35
3	Dehradun	30	19	32
4	Naintal	35	6	6
5	Pauri	100	48	163
6	Pithoragarh	82	35	32
7	Tehri	135	47	85
8	Uttarkashi	40	6	8

Prices of Edible Oils

3190. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep rise in the prices of edible oils during the last six months and what are the comparative prices of mustard, groundnut and coconut oils as on the 15th July, of the years 1985-86 and 1987 and also of hydrogenated oils for the same periods;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have made a major breakthrough in cultivation of sunflower seeds in some areas of Punjab and Haryana particularly in those areas where late sowing of wheat is the practice with the farmers, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider possibility of these measures to be adopted in other areas of the country; and

(d) what are Government's plans to be self-sufficient in oilseeds in the foreseeable future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There has been rising trend in the prices of edible oils recently. The wholesale prices of mustard, groundnut, coconut oil and hydrogenated oils as available on 17th July, 1985 and 1987 are as under:

(Rs. per Tonne)

Commodity/Centres	Prices as on	
	17-7-85	17-7-87
1. *Mustard Oil* Delhi (Pakki Ghani)	11,339	24,779
2. *Groundnut Oil* Bombay	15,444	26,156

Commodity/Centres	Prices as on 17-7-85	Prices as on 17-7-87
Madras	14,450	23,800
Rajkot	15,450	25,000
3. *Coconut Oil* Cochin	17,550	30,500
4. *Vanaspati*		
Delhi (per tin of 15 kgs)	242·50	355·00
Madras	257·50	378·50

(b) In recent years, sunflower cultivation is catching up with the farmers, specifically in those areas where wheat sowing is delayed beyond mid-December. In these areas following cropping Pattern are suggested:

(i) Torja—Inter-cropping sunflower with sugarcane.

(ii) Inter-cropping of Sunflower with spering groundnut.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) With the implementation of National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project sanctioned for Kharif 1987, and constitution of Oilseeds Technology Mission, it is hoped to achieve self-sufficiency in oilseeds at the earliest.

Loss due to Floods

3191. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been affected by floods in the country during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987, State-wise;

(b) how many people and livestock lost their/its lives, State-wise during the above period;

(c) the value of properties damaged during these years, State-wise;

(d) what help the Central Government have given to the State Governments during these years;

(e) what were the financial assistance sought by the State Governments and the amount actually gives by the Central Government, State-wise during the above period; and

(f) what steps are being taken to prevent further floods and damages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) State-wise information on number of persons affected, number of persons died, number of cattle heads perished and estimated value of damages due to floods, etc. during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987, is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII. Annexure No. 121]

(d) and (e) A statement indicating the financial assistance sought by the State Government and central assistance approved by the Central Government for flood, etc. during the years 1985-86; 1986-87 and 1987-88 is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 122.]

(f) Flood control is a State subject and planning and execution of control and protection works are done by the State Governments. These measures include construction of new em-